

Why He Got Peeved OR THE TALE OF A LEADING CITIZEN And the Traffic Cop

(BY FLOYD A. TIMMERMAN.)

Between a mountain and a mole hill there is a vast difference. And the ratio of vastness is just as proportionate between the manner in which a newspaper reporter writes a story and the way in which the principal in the story wants it written.

But, this is not to mention a story about a man who has accomplished something of which he is proud and desires to have his accomplishments displayed in glowing headlines. No, indeed. It is the story telling the world of something of which the principal is not proud—has not accomplished something which he desires to tell the world—and in fact, wants to keep to himself, and himself alone, and to make the rest of the universe blissfully believe that nothing at all has happened.

JUST ABOUT PAR.

For instance, when a certain citizen has not missed the Sunday night church sermon for ten years, has never stayed out after 9 o'clock in the evening, has never been in a car accident, except when his car broke down coming back from the Sunday school picnic, or has never carried more than two matches in his pocket at one time, his reputation is pretty near par in his community.

But, supposing this same man happens to be a few minutes late in absorbing his soft-boiled eggs some morning and desires to get to the office a little early to keep an appointment. He jumps from his breakfast table into his car and leaves the backyard in a cloud of dust. Spurred on by the minute hand on the clock on his dashboard he "steps or er" and is unconscious of the speedometer reaching the thirty-five mile an hour mark and points to forty.

TRAFFIC COP INTERESTED.

Suddenly he is conscious of a roar alongside his machine and peeps around to see that a traffic cop is sticking to him like a leech. He steps on the throttle harder in a desperate effort to pull away, but the race finally ends with the result that he is "pinched."

At the police station he is allowed liberty on his own recognizance until his case comes before the court. He appears, pleads guilty and the judge exacts a fine of \$5 and the man goes away blissfully feeling that the affair is ended.

Al, but things have just begun. The newspaper reporter appears on the scene, examines the court records and is soon cognizant of the fact that John Brown, well-known citizen has been arrested, taken before the court and fined for speeding.

Now, a newspaper reporter has just one thing to do to hold his job and that is to write the news. Because it is John Brown who has been caught speeding does not mean that the reporter should pass it up because John Brown is a leading citizen. If the army of reporters throughout the country used this method it would mean that the newspapers would be filled with nothing more interesting than want ads and reports of strawberry festivals.

So, in the course of his day's work the reporter includes among his stories a few lines telling about Mr. Brown's experience like this:

John Brown, 1918 Blank street, was arrested this morning by a motorcycle traffic officer, and charged with speeding. The arresting officer declared that Mr. Brown was proceeding along Washington avenue at the rate of forty miles an hour. Mr. Brown later appeared in the city court and was fined \$5.

HIS FRIEND HAW HAWS.

Now, such a story, when read by hundreds of citizens who are not directly concerned, means but little. To those who know Mr. Brown, it might call forth a chuckle at the dinner table and a remark such as: "Well, I see here that old man Brown got pinched."

this morning for burning up the road. Fined five bucks, how haw." It is then probably forgotten.

But, to Mr. Brown himself, the story seems to leap out at him and the type magnifies until it appears like a billboard poster. He reads it over and over and feels a prickly feeling slowly climbing up the back of his neck. He thinks of his flawless reputation and then reads the story again. Finally he reads himself to believe that his reputation has been smashed and bent beyond repair and of course the newspaper is to blame.

The next day he hops up the stairs to the news room of the newspaper and calls loudly for the reporter who dragged his good name in the gutter. "What in all thunder, he roars, "did you put a thing like this in the paper for?" he fumes.

"What's the matter with it?" inquires the scribe, "any mistake?"

"No, there's no great mistake," answers Mr. Brown, "but you could have made a little easier on me. You should not have printed such a thing anyway. And the manner in which it was written makes it appear that I was entirely wrong. You could have worded it different if you had to print it, but I don't see why you had to print it at all, when you should know it would hurt my reputation."

"Well, I tried to make it as short as possible," the reporter would answer.

"Yes, you made it so short that you didn't explain how the thing came to happen, and the real reason I was going too fast. You should look into these things before you write a story slandering a man of good reputation."

HIS WAY.

And, if Mr. Brown had his way, the whole thing would have not appeared in the paper. And, if he found he couldn't keep it out entirely, this is the way he would have liked it written and wished on the poor, unsuspecting public.

John Brown, prominent citizen and a man of high reputation, who has always been extremely law-abiding and careful not to fracture any of the laws placed in force by the legislature, had an important engagement in his office at 9 o'clock this morning and simply had to be there at that time, or perhaps in a big business deal. He found that when he left home he had but two minutes in which to get to the office by that time and for this reason he may have slightly exceeded the rate of speed set by law. Despite that he was in a hurry, and had this preceding business engagement, a motorcycle officer followed him and then insisted that Mr. Brown should accompany him to the station. Mr. Brown was not placed under arrest, but was just taken to the station by the officer, who did not arrest him, but allowed him to go on the promise that he would appear in the court during the afternoon. It must not be construed that Mr. Brown at any time was under arrest.

Mr. Brown, of course, appeared in the court as he had promised, but at no time did an officer take him in charge. Mr. Brown attempted to tell the judge the whole story so it might be understood that Mr. Brown was not wilfully breaking the law, but the judge refused to listen to his explanation. The judge insisted that Mr. Brown answer the question: "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

After several minutes, during which time Mr. Brown pleaded to be permitted to tell the whole story while the judge sat impatiently, Mr. Brown answered "guilty" or "not guilty." Mr. Brown decided he had gone a little too fast and answered "guilty."

The court, not knowing the real

OGDEN BUILDING OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Ogden Architect Says Prospective Program Larger Than in Seven Years

The outlook for residence building here during the 1921 season is extremely bright, despite the fact that many prospective home builders apparently have not yet realized that prices of materials are now practically at the rock bottom and no further decrease can be expected, according to Leslie S. Hodgson, of the firm of Hodgson and McClenahan, architects.

There is more prospective home building outlined for 1921, Mr. Hodgson said, than during any of the past seven years, but there appears to be a general hesitancy among many, apparently through the belief that prices are still due for decline. Many of the materials, however, according to the belief of Mr. Hodgson, are now as low as they will be at any time in the future and much of the material has now reached pre-war prices.

Indications also point to increased activity in industrial building this season although the season is too young and plans too premature to give out any detailed information in this respect, Mr. Hodgson declared. However, he intimated that Ogden will witness the erection of some new commercial plants during the approaching summer.

NEW RESIDENCES.

Three large residences have already been planned and will be erected as soon as the weather permits under supervision of the Hodgson & McClenahan firm. One is that of Albert E. Becker at Brinker avenue and Twenty-sixth street. The ground for this home has already been broken and preparatory work has started. George Glen will build a substantial home on Twenty-fifth street near Polk avenue, and ground will be broken within a few weeks, Mr. Hodgson said.

Weight is also planning to build on Jefferson avenue between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets. In addition there are acres of smaller dwellings which will be begun with the coming of warm weather and continued sunshine.

PRIESTHOODS TO MEET NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday in the Weber Normal college, the third annual priesthood convention of the Weber stake will be held with sessions at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. All members of the priesthood are invited to be present. Representatives of the general church authorities will be present and deliver addresses. Special department work will be a feature of the morning session.

circumstances surrounding the case, and the reason why Mr. Brown had hurried to his office, ordered that Mr. Brown pay \$5 immediately, feeling that he should do what the court ordered and come within the law as he has a reputation of being a law-abiding citizen.

While in the court room, Mr. Brown was not in any way under arrest, and no police officer was near him. He was not placed in the jail, because he was not under arrest and consequently did not have to be released. Mr. Brown walked from the court room immediately and went to his office.

CAN'T BE DONE.

This kind of stuff would be a fine story for Mr. Brown, but it wouldn't get far with the majority of the readers, would it? Well, this is the line of a newspaper reporter has to face every few days, so instead of providing funds for the poor people of harmonies or some other foreign country, why not raise a subscription for the news hounds who are sent to the insane asylum or the infirmary, or the hospital on account of trying to please the man he writes about and the readers at the same time?



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WHY NOT CHARGE FOR AMUSEMENT IN CITY COURT? WRITER ASKS

BY HARRY P. BAGLEY

Crowds at the city court have proved objectionable during the past few weeks, so numerous were court spectators, and upon one occasion an examination was conducted by officers attached to the court with the view of discouraging those whose morning diversion is to hear the tales of woe of occupants of the mourners' bench.

Why should crowds be unwelcome at the police court? Theatergoers would welcome them—at so much per head.

In the city court is such a popular center of attraction, why not conduct it with the view of assisting the city treasury? Why not place a small admission fee on the seats in the court room?

WELL WORTH IT

Assistant City Attorney Samuel Powell, when asked regarding the proposition, was enthusiastic. "It's a fine idea," he said, "Almost every court session is well worth an admission price."

Even if there is but one case in the court, it is bound to be successful. Maybe the warder will come and listen in on a case. Perhaps one of the detectives will testify. Some of them uncover unexpected humor in testifying. Practically the same bailiff is in the court every morning, and the judges are fairly constant in their attendance. Certain attorneys are usually on hand, too, even if some one else has the case.

NOVELTY ATTRACTIONS

In addition to the regular attractions of the court, there is always a series of novelty attractions. If you care for "blackface" stuff, attend court while Alexander George Washington Green, or some gentleman of similar name is on trial. Practically

all cases of this sort result in an outburst of some sort which is notable upon various occasions. Some spectators take interest in "Speeder" cases. The demeanor of a speeder, who knows, if found guilty, that a jail sentence awaits him, is excruciatingly amusing to all present but the defendant.

Maybe it will be your luck to witness a hard-boiled guy, who comments in strenuous language after he has been given his fifty-fifty sentence.

STOCK ALIBI

Liquor violators also furnish their share of the comedy. Ninety-nine out of every hundred persons arrested for having "hothead" in their possession claim that an unknown samaritan, whom they cannot adequately describe, offered them a small drink. "I didn't want any, but he insisted, so I took some to keep from hurting his feelings," this is the stock alibi of many "drunks."

Pathos occasionally pops up in court, for those who care for sordid drama. Perchance it is a girl gone astray. Maybe it is a man who, after dropping a nickel in the slot, run on the search of work, is arrested while frequenting a roof hall merely for the warmth of the building. It comes up in various forms.

For those who date on following complicated plots, occasional neighborhood quarrels furnish themes filled with the entire gamut of theatrical possibilities. Occasionally a squabble in the court room further tangles up matters.

But at any rate, the crowd is too large, spectators are getting in for nothing, and the city might profit to some extent if a turnstile, operated by dropping a nickel in the slot, run on the pay-as-you-enter system were installed at the spectator's entrance of the city court room.

GOLD STAR BOYS TO BE HONORED BY WINSLOW BILL

City Preparing Parking on Madison Avenue for Memorial Trees

Grading work is now under way on Madison avenue from Twentieth street north to the Ogden river and parking spaces are being installed in preparation for the planting of soldier memorial trees by the members of the Service Star legion, according to an announcement made yesterday by Chris Flygare, park and streets commissioner. This work is being done early, Mr. Flygare said, in order that the planting of the memorial trees may take place on Arbor day of any spring day set aside for the planting by the Service Star legion members.

Plans have been made by the legion to plant one tree for every soldier of Weber county who paid the supreme sacrifice during the war or who died of disease. Each tree will contain a bronze tablet setting forth the name and record of the soldier. The city commission has offered to cooperate with the women in the memorial tree planting and will set aside ground on both sides of Madison avenue for the purpose.

Sidewalks are being lined up and the parking places set aside now, Mr. Flygare said. Other city grading work will be carried on immediately following the completion in this district.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CARRYING WEAPON

John J. Robinson, arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, pleaded not guilty when he appeared in the city court yesterday. His bail was fixed at \$75.

Robinson, it is alleged, was in a card game with Jack "Gunboat" Smith, Friday night. Robinson told the police Smith "lifted his roll." Smith declared that Robinson made threats against his life. Smith reported the matter to the police, and when Robinson was arrested, the police said, he carried an automatic pistol.

American women spent nearly \$5,000,000 for perfume and cosmetics last year.

Federal Payment May Lead to Heavy Purchases of Equipment

By ALBERT APPLE.

Biggest business event of past week: President Wilson signed Winslow bill. It starts payment to railroads of about \$400,000,000, under government guarantee of fixed return to roads.

Most railroads are several months behind in paying bills. But the bill should be enough to get over to start heavy buying. Next boom may start with railroad purchases.

Only 314 miles of new American railroads built last year. Locomotives delivered last year only 172 against 6564 in 1907. Only 23,194 new freight cars in 1920 against 280,210 in 1907. Railroads also 20,000,000 tons behind in buying of steel rails.

Railroads in February moved about one-eighth less freight than same time 1920, but nearly as much as in February, 1919.

NEW ENGLAND REVIVING.

Pickup in textile and shoe industries is reflected by New England railroads moving 22,944 cars of freight in week, against 22,900 same week last year.

Despite textile revival, cotton last week slumped to lowest prices in six years. Exports fell off heavily.

TRADE TABLOIDS.

Steel industry getting ready for bottom to fall out of pig iron and steel prices. Not so, says Judge Gary of U. S. Steel Corporation. But 60 days ago corporation ran 96 per cent capacity—now about 65 per cent.

Mail order trade a third less than 1920, which was abnormally large. Chicago district hardest hit by depression. Employment there estimated low as 35 per cent of normal.

Unemployment most severe in automobile industry—85 out of every 100 workers idle. But Ford reports good orders. Says his plants will run capacity in few weeks.

Price of rough diamonds at Johannesburg, South Africa, has fallen 70 per cent since last May. Diamonds are scarcer and more precious than gold. Do they truly show trend of values?

RAINFALLS.

"Worst part of the financial stringency was passed in January. From now on there will be a notable change for the better," says President Harrison of Southern Railway.

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Last week 2,454,500 shares changed hands on New York Stock exchange, one-fourth less than week before and one-half less than same week 1920.

CEDAR RAPIDS WANT MAN IN OGDEN

A telegram from H. R. Locke, county attorney of Cedar Rapids, asking requisition for G. A. Foran, who is now serving in the city term for petit larceny in the city, was received this morning.

Foran was identified as a person who had escaped from the county at Cedar Rapids after having pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary but escaped.

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